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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Terms of Reference: Inquiry into regional telecommunications in Western Australia

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1 Reference and procedure

Inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 179

1.1 On 20 March 2024, the Standing Committee on Public Administration resolved to establish an inquiry into regional telecommunications in Western Australia.

1.2 The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

The Standing Committee on Public Administration resolves to inquire into and report on issues impacting regional telecommunications in Western Australia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Yang', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Hon Pierre Yang MLC
Chair

Standing Committee on Public Administration

Date first appointed:

17 August 2005

Terms of Reference:

The following is an extract from Schedule 1 of the Legislative Council Standing Orders:

'5. Public Administration Committee

5.1 A *Public Administration Committee* is established.

5.2 The Committee consists of 5 Members.

5.3 The functions of the Committee are to —

(a) inquire into and report on —

- (i) the structure, efficiency and effectiveness of the system of public administration;
- (ii) the extent to which the principles of procedural fairness are embodied in any practice or procedure applied in decision making;
- (iii) the existence, adequacy, or availability, of merit and judicial review of administrative acts or decisions; and
- (iv) any Bill or other matter relating to the foregoing functions referred by the Council;

and

(b) consult regularly with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, the Public Sector Commissioner, the Information Commissioner, the Inspector of Custodial Services, and any similar officer.

5.4 The Committee is not to make inquiry with respect to —

- (a) the constitution, function or operations of the Executive Council;
- (b) the Governor's Establishment;
- (c) the constitution and administration of Parliament;
- (d) the judiciary;
- (e) a decision made by a person acting judicially;
- (f) a decision made by a person to exercise, or not exercise, a power of arrest or detention; or
- (g) the merits of a particular case or grievance that is not received as a petition.'



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